

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

<b>JOHN LLAMAS, PLAINTIFF,</b>	)	
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<b>VS.</b>	)	<b>CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-</b>
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	)	<b>JURY TRIAL DEMANDED</b>
	)	
<b>REDLINE RECOVERY SERVICES, LLC DEFENDANT.</b>	)	<b>UNLAWFUL DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES</b>

**COMPLAINT**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. Plaintiff John Llamas alleges that Defendant engaged in abusive, deceptive, and unfair acts in violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq. (hereinafter "FDCPA") and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq. (hereinafter "TCPA"). Specifically, Defendant, through the actions of its employees, left a series of prerecorded messages on Plaintiff's cell phone without his consent or authorization in an effort to collect on a debt. The messages did not give the required disclosure regarding Defendant status as a debt collector nor did they mention that the communication was from a debt collector.

**II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

2. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), and 28 U.S.C. § 1337 and diversity of citizenship. Venue in this District is proper in that the Defendant transacted business here and the conduct complained of occurred here.

### **III. PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri.

4. Defendant Redline Recovery Services, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as "Redline") is a Georgia Corporation, doing business in the State of Missouri. Redline's Registered Agent is LexisNexis Document Solutions, Inc., 221 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

5. Defendant is engaged in the collection of debts from consumers using the mail, facsimile transmission and telephone. Defendant regularly attempts to collect consumer debts it purchases after default and/or consumer debts alleged to be due to another. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

6. The acts of Defendant alleged hereinafter were performed by its employees acting within the scope of their employment with Defendant, and with its actual or apparent authority.

### **IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

7. Plaintiff received 4 prerecorded phone messages on his cell phone from Defendant on September 21, 2008 September 22, 2008 September 27, 2008 and October 1, 2008. Each call was received by Plaintiff on his cell phone which bears the following number: (314) 518-0902. Plaintiff has no pre-existing relationship with Defendant and never gave Defendant consent to contact him on his cell phone. Plaintiff has retained, preserved and transcribed the recorded phone messages which were received on Plaintiff's cell phone message recording device.

8. The full content of the message received on September 21, 2008 included only the following information: "(866) 388-1224. Thank you."

9. The full content of the message received on September 22, 2008 included only the following information: "(866) 388-1224. Thank you."

10. The full content of the message received on September 27, 2008 included only the following information: "number is (866) 281-4502. Thank you."

11. The full content of the message received on October 1, 2008 included only the following information: "(866) 388-1224. Thank you."

### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

### **VIOLATIONS OF THE FDCPA**

12. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every prior allegation and fact as though fully restated and re-alleged.

13. Defendant's actions violated the FDCPA. The violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(11) when it left prerecorded messages on Plaintiff's cell phone which failed to indicate that the communication was from a debt collector;

(b) Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692d(6) when it left prerecorded messages on Plaintiff's cell phone which failed to provide meaningful disclosure of Defendant's identity.

(c) Defendant's actions violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692f as they were unfair and unconscionable means to collect the debt.

14. As a result of the above violations of the FDCPA, the Defendant is liable to the Plaintiff for statutory damages, and costs and attorney's fees.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant for the following:

A. Statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;

B. Costs and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;

C. For such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

**VIOLATIONS OF THE TCPA**

15. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference each and every prior allegation and fact as though fully restated and re-alleged.

16. Defendant's actions violated the TCPA. The violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Defendant violated 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii) when it left prerecorded messages on Plaintiff's cell phone on 4 separate occasions without Plaintiff's prior express consent;

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant for the following:

A. Damages pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3);

**PLAINTIFF HEREBY REQUESTS A TRIAL BY JURY**

/s/ John Llamas  
**John Llamas**

Respectfully submitted,

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